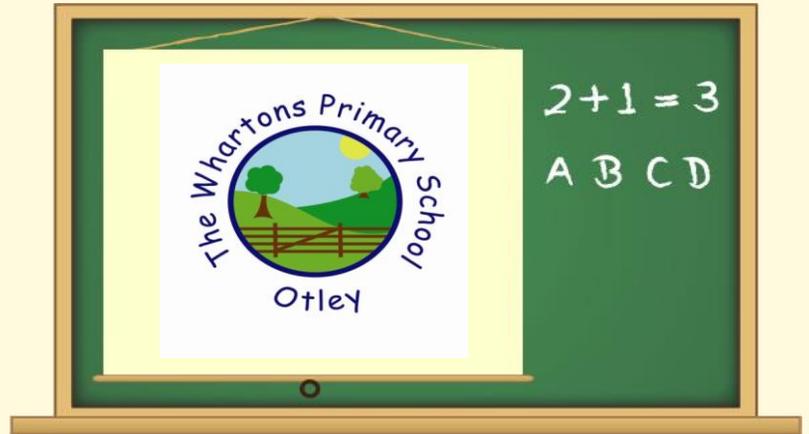


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

1st July 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this newsletter just before setting off to Northumberland to join our Year 6 on their residential. The waterproofs are packed as is the sun cream, you never can tell, but one thing is for definite I will need mosquito repellent!



Assembly Themes

Our assemblies have been focusing on "Changes" both large and small at this time of year. We have considered the positive elements of change, what the minus points may be and what might be really interesting about the many changes that are about to happen.

The following children received certificates over the last couple of weeks for their efforts when faced with new situations. Well done to all of you.

Rec: William G & Isaac F

Year 1: William P & Annie C

Year 2: Harry A & Nathan M

Year 3: Harry C & Harry S

Year 4: Olive P & Gustav T

Year 5: Cameron A & Jake G

Year 6: Will advise in the next Newsletter

Bikeability

In preparation for transition to secondary school, when many of our pupils will be riding bikes to school, Year 6 children completed a bikeability course last week. The children spent a packed two days learning about how to make sure their bikes are well maintained and what clothing to wear to keep safe when cycling on the roads. The children were taught riding skills and the principles of the Highway Code in relation to cycling. Finally the whole group took to the public roads to be tested on their understanding and ability to ride safely. They received well earned certificates in assembly. Excellent work!

Health Week

Last week was Health Week at school and all the classes spent time learning about healthy life styles and how to make healthy choices. Children across school also learnt about road safety and how to keep themselves safe in a range of different situations. It is really pleasing to see just how well the children understand that if they look after themselves they will go on to lead healthy and happy lives as they grow up. Year 5 have even produced posters to explain key areas of keeping mentally and physically healthy and how this can be achieved with a sensible approach to choices.



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Roller Racing Event

There was much excitement and noise last Friday as the Parents Association staged their annual roller racing event in the hall. The event was a super finale to our Health Week and the children had great fun racing each other against the huge distance/speedometer. There was lots of encouragement from the crowd for everyone's efforts, even some of the younger and more energetic teachers took to the saddle! A huge thank you to Clare Peacock and her team for organizing the event, thank you also to Otley Cycles for providing the equipment and to all the parents who helped ensure the children were well organized, safe and secure as they rode. Please remember to bring in sponsor money for the event by Friday 10th July as it all goes to the Parent Association's funds which benefit all the children.



Year 5 Transition Day

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed a taster day at Prince Henry's Grammar School on Thursday 25th June. This is the first time that Year 5 has enjoyed a transition day such as this. Joined by other schools from around the area, the children were lucky to sample sessions in Chinese, Science and English. After all that learning we were treated to a super meal in Henry's Diner. The children were a credit to our Primary School and their families and we would like to thank Prince Henry's for having us. What a brilliant idea for our rising sixes.



Otley Carnival

Everyone who took part in our Otley Carnival entry "At The Bottom Of The Garden" had a terrific time the other Saturday despite the weather and we were delighted to come First in our Class. Thank you to Mrs Burnett and her helpers for all their hard work in making the costumes and Mrs Paylor and her helpers for making our amazing banner.

Olivia (Yr 6) was crowned Carnival Queen with Charlotte (Yr6) as her deputy and Aimee (Yr5) as one of her attendants.



Year 6 Residential to Hawkhurst Scout Camp

We waved off a very excited Year 6 on Monday as they started their journey all the way up to the beautiful Keilder Forest in the heart of Northumberland.

The week is action packed and the children have already been bell boating and raft making, Jacobs Ladder and hiking in the evening. Reports back from Mr Hampson and the rest of the team are those of bravery and determination as all the children have strived to challenge themselves and learned they are capable of more than they thought! There have been great team building skills developed alongside a sense of pride in collective and individual achievements. I cannot wait to join them.

I however am unsure as to how well the Year 6 have honed their domestic skills so far and feel it is time for me to join them and introduce the tradition dorm inspections. Keep up with their highlights on our twitter feed.

There are also lots of photos being posted on the Website everyday if you want to have a look under Children & Learning Section, Year 6.

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Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd July-New Reception

Pupils & Parents Taster afternoon

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th July-Yr6

PHGS Transition Days

Monday 6th July-Class Swap day for Reception-Yr5.

Tuesday 7th July-New Reception pupil lunch

Thursday 9th July-Yr2 Class Assembly

Friday 10th July-Sports Day (am)

Saturday 11th July-Summer Fair- (incl Whartons Show)12noon-2pm

Tuesday 14th July-Parent/ Helpers Tea Party-2pm

Wednesday 15th July-Year 6

Productions 1.30pm

Thursday 16th July-Year 6 productions- 6.30pm

Thursday 16th July-New Pupils and Parents taster session

Tuesday 21st July-Schools closes for summer holidays.

Year 3 Class Assembly

It was the turn of Year 3 to wow parents with their amazing knowledge and fantastic presentation skills last week, as they staged their class assembly. The children have been learning all about Bradford as a local study this term. They have developed their skills in such a range of curriculum areas in order to find out about the famous and influential people who come from Bradford as well as the incredible history of the city. Children had been historians, geographers, artists, poets, play writes and journalists over the term and used these skills during their assembly. Well done Y3, what a delight!

New Website

We are all really excited about the launch of our new website last week and I hope you have managed to have a look around it. I think the design and photos really echo our school with lots of outdoor activities, visits and visitors. The calendar on the home page should help you to plan for key school events and we have even set up a twitter account for you to follow which is also on the front page. Our Twitter account is @whartonsprimary if you want to follow us.



Mini Olympics Tournament at Prince Henry's

Last week, as part of a programme of transition events, Year 6 met all the other Year 6 children from our Family of Schools, and further afield, who are transferring to Prince Henry's in September. The children were escorted down to Prince Henry's playing fields where they were divided into mixed teams with pupils from other schools. Sports leaders and staff at the school had organized a Mini Olympics style afternoon of sport and networking. It was great fun to meet lots of new friends and enjoy a range of fun activities. I know that the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new secondary school and make potential new contacts has really allayed some of the fears that Year 6 can feel as they prepare for their next big step. I know that they are now looking forwards to meeting their new forms next week during their two full transition days.

A final Note:

Have a great weekend and be sure to visit us at the Summer Fair next week and remember to enter The Whartons Show, there are lots of categories to choose from, so there will be lots going on in the sunshine we hope.

Please remember to send children with sun hats, sun tan lotion and water bottles in this hot weather to keep them hydrated and lastly we will have lost property out on Friday 10th July if you are missing anything.

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